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GREAT!

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With Obama coming into Texas, we decided to cancel the Dallas and Houston press conferences until week after next. (Spring break next week so our people will be out.)

Great WHP patients in Houston!

Carol

Press Conference

10:00 AM, March 8, 2012 Austin LifeCare 1215 West Anderson Lane Austin, Texas 78758

Texas Women Deserve the Highest Standard of Health Care – Not Limited Family

Planning

Austin, Texas, March 8, 2012 - The 82nd Legislature worked to insure that poor women of Texas were elevated to the same high standard of health care as women with private insurance by eliminating providers of limited health care such as abortion providers and affiliates from the Women's Health Program (WHP). Additionally, the new standard increased providers from 44 abortion providers and affiliates in centers of population to 2,500 comprehensive and primary care providers located across Texas including rural areas. Health care service standards increased and availability was extended to every corner of Texas.

The Obama administration is threatening to defund the Women's Health Program from Texas because abortion providers and affiliates are prohibited from service. Somehow the Obama administration is more interested in funding abortionists than serving poor women in Texas with a higher standard of health care and availability.

"The message being conveyed by the Planned Parenthood media blitz is missing the point that women will have an elevated standard of health care in many cases by a physician. Planned Parenthood offers medical care restricted to family planning by mid-level providers, using physicians only for abortions. Planned Parenthood mentions breast cancer screening but does not have licensed mammogram equipment in one facility in Texas. It is time for the truth to be told." stated Terry Williams, Director of Central Texas Life Care.

Three women eligible for Women's Health Program services will share why they will not go to Planned Parenthood facilities for health care.

Life affirming center directors Terry Williams, San Marcos; Pam Cobern, Austin; Deborah McGregor, Waco; Sarah Stone, San Antonio; and Karen Wistrand, Temple, Killeen, and Copperas Cove, will be available to share their professional experiences offering free pregnancy evaluations (free pregnancy test and sonograms). Carol Everett, Round Rock, former abortion provider now prolife advocate, will join to offer her experiences as an abortion provider offering health services.

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